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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 2 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010

The Senate met at 10:01 a.m. and was called to order by the Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, You make all things and fill them with Your blessings. You created us to rejoice in the splendor of Your radiance.

Help our Senators today to nurture the inner light of Your presence in their lives. Enable them to hear Your still small voice calling them to embrace Your wisdom and to follow Your leadership.

Lord, we commend to You former Senator Ted Stevens. We thank You for his life and legacy and acknowledge that we are diminished by his sudden and unexpected death. We are grateful for his wisdom, dedication, patriotism, courage, and service. Comfort his family and all who mourn.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the authority granted by section 2(a) of H. Con. Res. 307 of the 111th Con-

gress, the majority leader of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leader of the Senate, has determined that the public interest warrants a convening of the Senate at this time, notwithstanding the order of August 5, 2010.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 12, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The senior Senator from New York.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate observe a moment of silence in memory

of our former colleague, the late Senator from Alaska, Ted Stevens.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(Moment of silence.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3762 AND H.R. 5827 EN BLOC

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the titles of the bills for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3762) to reinstate funds to the Federal Land Disposal Account.

A bill (H.R. 5827) to amend title II of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate.

Mr. SCHUMER. I object to any further proceedings with respect to these bills en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

REMEMBERING SENATOR THEODORE "TED" FULTON STEVENS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 617, submitted earlier today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the clerk will report the resolution by title.

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